

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Life can change in a second; and,

*Whereas*, The business of social work is helping people manage change; and,

*Whereas*, Professional social workers use their education, training, and commitment to make a real difference in the lives of people; and,

*Whereas*, Professional social workers are found in the most amazing places, including courts, mental health centers, managed care companies, state and federal legislatures, schools, child welfare agencies, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, employee assistance programs, and public and private agencies; and,

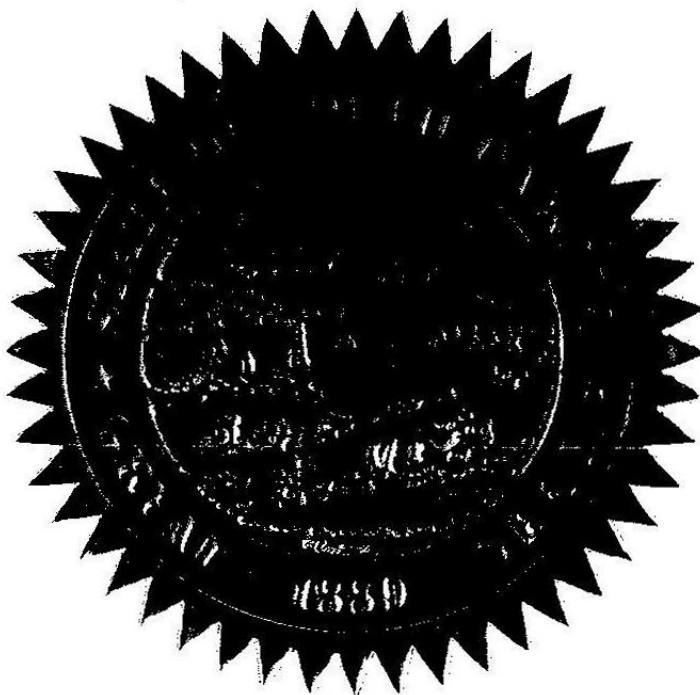
*Whereas*, Employers hire professional social workers because they provide compassionate services that also make good business sense; and,

*Whereas*, Professional social workers help individuals, families, and children cope with problems and prevent trouble, saving the community and the taxpayers in the long run; and,

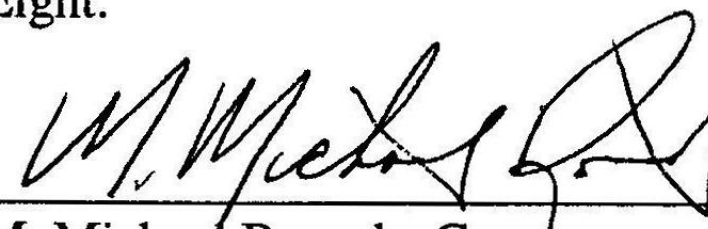
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, in recognition of professional social workers and all they do to increase the well-being of individuals and of society, do hereby proclaim March 2008 as

## *PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH*

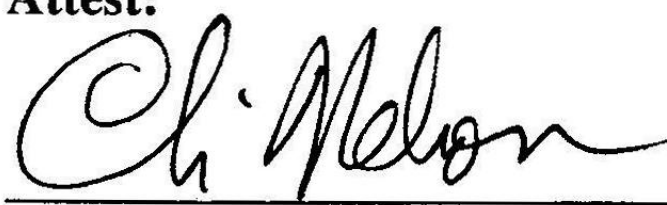
in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens to join in celebration and support of social workers and the social work profession.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State